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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
PHILLIPPE MARLIERE ET AL : ATTN: NEW APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN. :
(Based on PCT/FR99/02628)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING :
CHEMICALLY DIVERSIFIED :
PROTEINS, *IN VIVO*, BY :
INCORPORATING :
UNCONVENTIONAL AMINO :
ACIDS :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

--3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that step c) for culturing said cells comprises a series of said cells in a culture medium containing the amino acid encoded by said target codon, each of said cultures of the series being prepared as far as obtaining the stationary growth phase and followed by washing of the cells obtained, the number of cultures of the series being sufficient to allow the selection of mutations which increase the suppression of said missense mutation of said mutated gene.